

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CENSUS OF WILD ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether census of wild cats, lions, tigers, leopards, panthers and other wild animals has been recently held in different wildlife sanctuaries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the comparative figures for each species of wild animals on the basis of recent census; and
- (d) the census held on the previous occasions including the yearly rate of growth of wild animals, sanctuary-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a)to(d) The All India Estimation of Tiger, co-predators and its prey was carried out recently in the tiger range states of the country using a modified and integrated methodology as recommended by the Tiger Task Force. The details are at Annexure I. However, in view of the modified new methodology adopted in the process, which is a benchmark in itself, it cannot be compared with the previous estimation of wild animals. Further, data on yearly sanctuary wise growth of wild animals is not collated at Central Government level. Similarly, the all India enumeration of wild population of elephants in the country was carried out in 2007, except the North Eastern States. The details are at Annexure II.